

# The Cub Reporter

Tucker Tidbits for Elementary  
Kathy Tucker, Elementary Principal



The month of February is best known for Valentine's Day and is celebrated by sending cards and goodies to those who are special in your life. Take the time to let those who surround you know how much you appreciate them!

## Math Month

Students will be bringing home their calendars at the beginning of the month. They will need to be brought back on February 24<sup>th</sup>, and the extra recess will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you parents, in advance, for helping your students sharpen up their math skills! All participants will receive a participation certificate, a small gift, and an extra recess, not to mention the extra knowledge and experience gained by working on those math facts.

## Writing Month

Writing Month will be in March!

## State CMAS Tests 2023

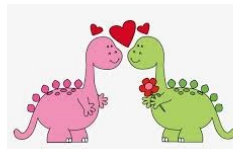
Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will take Colorado's statewide assessment for math, language arts/reading, and science. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will all take the math and ELA portions of the CMAS test. In addition, 5<sup>th</sup> graders will take the science CMAS test. This is a great opportunity to display what has been learned through the year. Bear Cubs, accept the challenge and rock it!

## Accountability Committee

Our February meeting will take place on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., in the library. Parents and community members, thank you for your continued support and involvement on this committee. We hope to see you there!

## Valentine's Day Parties

Valentines Day Parties are just around the corner! All grades, PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, will have their parties on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Preschool parties will be at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. as well. Thank you to all parents for providing goodies and treats!



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. School will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on that day. Please plan to attend and discuss your child's achievement with his/her teacher. Extensive research proves that students achieve more in school when their parents are involved in their education. So, the more involved, the more successful your child will become.

## School on Mondays

Just a reminder, due to the State Wrestling Tournament we **WILL HAVE** school on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

We **WILL NOT** be having school on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the District, Regional, and State Basketball Tournaments, we **WILL HAVE** school on the following Mondays: February 20<sup>th</sup>, February 27<sup>th</sup>, and March 6<sup>th</sup>.

We **WILL NOT** have school on the following Fridays: February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>th</sup>, and March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## YEARBOOKS ON SALE

The 2022/2023 yearbooks can now be ordered online! They are hard-cover and all-color. The cost is \$50.00. Please either go to the link below to order your yearbook: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01065722> or fill out the order form on page 13 and return it to the school.

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### Parent Volunteers

Would you like to have fun with your child and their classmates? We **NEED** parents to volunteer on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to run a "Minute to Win It" game at our Read Across America celebration. This will take place on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. If you would like to be a part of, please email Mrs. Tucker at [ktucker@bigsandy100j.org](mailto:ktucker@bigsandy100j.org). Thanks in advance!



### We Need Your Help!

In an effort to ensure student safety, students are not allowed to stay after school unsupervised. If they are at school, then they must be **with a parent or staff member**. This includes staying after school for ballgames or basketball practice.

### National Read Across America Day

National Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2<sup>nd</sup> which is also the birthday of Dr. Seuss. This annual reading event motivates and encourages all children to celebrate reading.



Big Sandy Elementary will participate in this reading celebration by having various reading-related activities for the whole week beginning on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and ending on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each day will have a different theme and honor a different book.

The themes are as follows:



Monday	The Cat in the Hat Where's Waldo Pete the Cat	Wear red and white, stripes, or dress like a cat!
Tuesday	Fox in Socks A Pig, a Fox, and Stinky Socks, Smelly Socks	Wear your craziest socks.
Wednesday	Wacky Wednesday Crazy Hair Day I Love my Hair!	Wear wacky/mismatched clothes and/or have crazy hair!
Thursday	All books	Dress like your favorite book character!

If the elementary reaches their collective reading goal of 600 books during the week, then the week will end with a birthday celebration complete with "Minute to Win It" games. It is sure to be a fun learning time for all!

Parents, you can take advantage of this "Read Across America" week and read with your kids at home too!



### February Student of the Month

Abigale Lobdell is our February Student of the Month. She is a fifth grader in Mrs. Townley's fifth grade class. Abigale works hard and has made much progress. She is motivated to get things done and always exhibits a positive attitude. Thank you, Abigale, for being such a great student!

### Help Us Help Your Child Succeed!

Please continue to work with your children at home and have them read each and every night. Research states, "the amount of time reading was the best predictor of reading achievement, including a child's growth as a reader from the second to the fifth grade" according to the Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop's Approach to Literacy Instruction.

So.....grab a book, cuddle up, and READ!

*"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."—Kate DiCamillo*

### From the Principal's Desk Sammi Swennes, Secondary Principal

#### Student Honors

Congratulations to the Simla Cubs Football team for their Runner- Up finish in the State Finals!! We are so proud of this group of boys for their dedication, hard work and perseverance for finishing up the season as one of the top two teams in the state of Colorado!!





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### High School Wrestling

The wrestling team is off to a great start this season! We have 7 wrestlers working hard to compete at the Regional Wrestling Tournament coming up on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Rye. Good luck Jackson Pfof, Jon Choate, Elijah Choate, Cason Shults, Adam Shults, Braeden Welch, and Nathaniel Cauthon!!



### High School Basketball

Congratulations to our High School Junior Varsity Girls, Varsity Girls, and Varsity Boys for winning the Simla Holiday Hoops Basketball Tournament that was hosted here in December.



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## Junior High Basketball

Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls Junior High Basketball Teams for winning the Black Forest League Championships this season!!



### Future Business Leaders of America

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the District FBLA competition! Students with an asterik next to their name will be competing in that event at State FBLA.

- \*Jai Dempsey – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Accounting 2
- Jonathan Zimmerman – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Agribusiness
- Aden Townley – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Computer Problem Solving
- Teague Jones – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Computer Problem Solving
- \*Dillon Easler – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Cybersecurity
- \*Charley Maranville – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Human Resource Management
- \*Morgan Swennes – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Introduction to Business Procedures
  - \*Willie Swennes – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Securities and Investments
  - \*JT Swennes – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Securities and Investments
  - \*Victor Stonehouse – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Business Financial Plan
- \*Aden Townley – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Computer and Game Simulation
- JT Swennes – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Banking and Financial Systems
- \*Ryleigh Tunink, \*Tatum Nehl, \*Eli Stodola, \*Tate Shults – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Parliamentary Procedure
- \*Treven Kocerha, \*Teague Jones, \*Jonathan Zimmerman – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Broadcast Journalism
- \*Lauren Rector and \*Kylie Brickell – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Website Design
- \*Cason Shults - Agribusiness

### High School Matchwits

Good job to the High School Matchwits team as they competed in the Regional Knowledge Bowl on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Matchwits team competed against 1A through 5A schools. They are currently waiting to see if they're going to receive a Wild Card Bid to see if they will attend the Region 5 State Knowledge Bowl Competition this Spring.

### National Honor Society Guidelines

Students having a 3.5 GPA after the second semester of their sophomore year are considered for membership by a faculty committee. The committee also looks at a student's character, leadership abilities, and community service. Applications have been given to students, and we will begin the student interview process in the near future.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent teacher conferences will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Secondary Conferences will all be open conferences on a first come, first serve basis. We will dismiss school early that day at 1:30 p.m. You are also welcome to call teachers to conference if you are unable to attend.

### **End of the Day Phone Calls**

Please try to call before 3:30 p.m. if you are trying to get a message to your child by the end of the day. This is especially important for junior high students. Junior high has P.E. last hour of the day, and if we receive a call right before 4:00 p.m., the office sometimes is unable to relay that message in the transition after P.E. class. The earlier the phone call, the more time we have to relay the messages.

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### **Attendance Reminder**

It is the belief of the Big Sandy School District that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful. Doing the assignment for the day, can never completely make-up for the learning that is missed during an absence from school. As a parent, you can help Big Sandy and your student by assuring their regular attendance each day. If it is necessary for your child to be absent, please contact the office at 541-2291. Absences that are not reported are automatically considered unexcused and can carry both attendance and academic consequences. As we begin a new semester, review the teacher expectations with your child and revisit your student handbook for clarification of the attendance policy. Here are three ideas to help your son/daughter make the most of his/her educational experience:

1. Limit late-night work hours to the weekend.
2. Make sure your student has a loud alarm clock.
3. Stress why he/she needs to get to school on time. An employer will not let him/her show up whenever he/she feels like it.

Students are allowed 8 excused absences (only 2 unexcused absences) per semester, and many students have exceeded that number from the first semester. 16 excused absences are allowed for the entire school year. When your student goes over the 8 absences for the semester or 16 absences for the year a Monday school or multiple Monday schools may be a consequence that is enforced. After 16 absences in the school year, the student and parents may be required to appear before the Big Sandy Board of Education. If your child has more than 16 absences (excused and/or unexcused) you may be invited to the April board meeting. The School Board reserves the right to allow academic sanctions, loss of credit, or other suitable measures for violations of the district's attendance policy.

We encourage students to be in school, but with all the craziness again this year we also encourage students to stay home when they are not feeling well. Parents you have done an outstanding job this year keeping your kids home when they have been sick or having any sickness symptoms, and we appreciate that! I believe that is one of the reasons that we have been able to stay in school with in person learning again this year. Please contact your child's teachers for missing work, how to make-up participation points and any questions that may arise from your child's absence.

### **Superintendent/Board Notes Steve Wilson, Superintendent**

#### **Welcome Back to School, 2023!**

#### **School Board Recognition Month**

January was Colorado School Board Recognition Month; thank you board members for your work for all of us. Chad Maranville, Greg Mitchell, Nancy Sotomayor, Tika Ethridge and Scott Lutz. Thank you board members for volunteering for an important, time consuming job that highly benefits our community!

#### **Transportation Director**

We welcome Mike Hoops to Big Sandy Schools as he is transitioning with Jerry Dole to become our future Transportation Director.

#### **First Semester**

Overall, we had a good first semester with student learning and extracurricular activities. We have been learning a lot and have been working on the electric buses grant. We have canceled school a few more times than normal for weather days. We had a higher, earlier in the year number of sicknesses than usual. Hopefully, sickness will decline during the second semester.

#### **Junior High Basketball**

Congratulations to the Junior High Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams as they both had great years. We look forward to the Junior High Wrestling Season starting soon.

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### **Annual Audit**

Our annual audit showed that our overall fund balances are very healthy. Thank you to Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Hankins for all of their extra work in keeping our record keeping straight, especially, with the many COVID related grants. We are waiting to hear from the Colorado Department of Education about our four year audit.

### **Preliminary Budget**

The Governor has made revisions to his Preliminary Budget that was introduced in November. He proposes to cut the Budget Stability Factor by \$120 million; he hopes to eliminate it during his next four years in office; public schools have had \$10 billion taken away in the past 22 years. The legislative session will take the current Governor's Budget as a starting point and then will be working on it throughout the legislative session, which started in January and runs until May.

### **Universal Preschool Program**

Colorado's Universal Preschool Program (UPK) has its portal open for enrollment. The state has been very aggressive getting this program rolled out in a short amount of time. With it comes a lot of issues not working quite right and things being worked trying to be fixed as they are pushing fast to have it running for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Final Budget**

Last month we approved the school's final budget for this current 2022-2023 school year. We also passed the current mill levy which is slightly higher than last year due to assessed valuations going down. After amending our bond agreement a year ago and being able to cut the interest rate in half, we will have a lower payment to be made for the final nine years of this "mortgage." (Hard to believe we have already paid off 11 years towards our "new" school building...this is our 10<sup>th</sup> year being in it.)

### **Pikes Peak Superintendents' Meeting**

This month we will be hosting the Pikes Peak Superintendents' Meeting at Big Sandy Schools; this will be the first time a rural school has hosted it in 18 years.

### **Raymond Hope Foundation**

Finally, we are very appreciative to Raymond Hope and his wife in establishing the Raymond Hope Foundation and its gift to the Big Sandy School District. With this gift of money, we are using it to give scholarships for students, for athletic/playground expenses and to help those having needs.

*It is great to be a Simla Cub! Happy Valentine's Day!*

**Counselor Corner**  
**Chad Thieman, Counselor**

### **ALL STUDENTS:**

My counseling office is available any time for students to talk about any issue. Student/counselor conversations are kept confidential unless something is shared that may involve harm to the student or to another person. Encourage your student to stop by the counseling office if they would like to talk!

Our student advocate, Alicia Lee, is meeting with individual students for support and encouragement and leading both a JH and a HS girl's group. The purpose of these groups is to give girls a chance to talk with and listen to their peers as they experience like challenges. Alicia has earned her counseling degree from Calvary University. If you would like more information about these opportunities and to give permission for your student to participate, then please call me at 719-541-2291 or email me at [cthieman@bigsandy100j.org](mailto:cthieman@bigsandy100j.org). I am also able to recommend private counseling resources from Limon, Elizabeth, and Colorado Springs. Please contact me if I can help!

**SENIORS:**

If you haven't already done so, it's time to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)! Seniors and their parents (just 1 of them) need to register for a FSA ID. This username and password is required to electronically sign the FAFSA. Visit [www.studentaid.gov/fsaid](http://www.studentaid.gov/fsaid) to learn about and create a FSA ID.

Go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to complete your FAFSA. Your actual 2021 income tax information is used to report your financial information. This process is completely free! You are in the wrong place if anything appears about a cost to complete the FAFSA.

After your FAFSA has been submitted expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) to be sent via email or posted to your student's portal (college account). The most important item on this report is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This number is used by colleges to determine what to offer you as Financial Aid. Carefully review your SAR to make sure that the information processed is correct. There is a process to make changes if needed. Again, the website to access the FAFSA is [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

After submitting the FAFSA, the next step will be to review your Financial Aid Award document from the colleges where you have applied to and have been accepted. If you have not yet applied to college then the FAFSA information will not be processed to generate an award from that college! Award letters will be sent out soon (probably on the college's student portal system) and when reviewing this information pay close attention to the COA (Cost of Attendance) and then the various awards including any: grants, scholarships, work study, Perkins Loans, Direct Stafford Loans, and Direct Plus Loans (parent loans). When considering Stafford Loans remember that as subsidized loan means that the government pays the interest that accrues on that loan while you are in college. An unsubsidized loan means that you will be responsible for paying back the interest that accrues on the loan during the time that you were a college student. Stafford loan repayment begins 6 months after you are no longer a full time college student. I am glad to look at award letters with you to help you understand what is being offered.

Students are continuing to work on scholarship applications during Senior Seminar. Our students are provided information on hundreds of scholarship opportunities. The only sure way to not receive a scholarship is to not apply! We have set aside every Friday through April 15<sup>th</sup> as a work day for college scholarships, etc.

Make sure that all of your pictures have been submitted to the school for the senior video and the yearbook! Caps and gowns need to be ordered ASAP if you have not done so! You may order online at [www.herffjones.com](http://www.herffjones.com). You want to look for the Southern Colorado office. There is no option to choose color – that is decided by the seniors and approved by the school administration. The caps and gowns will be mailed directly to the school in time for graduation and following the ceremony, the caps and gowns are yours to keep.



**SENIORS CONTINUED:**

Reminder – all 18-year old men must register for selective service within 30 days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. You can register at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

Don't forget that each senior is given the opportunity for college visits. Seniors may miss 2 days of school for these activities without affecting their attendance for the year. Mr. Thieman has forms to be completed if a student is going on a job shadow or a college visit.

Parents – please feel free to call my office any time that I can assist you in the college admission and financial aid processes. A great deal of information about both topics is available online; just remember that it should always be free!

**JUNIORS:**

All enrolled juniors will be taking the Colorado SAT on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. SAT scores are used by some colleges for admissions decisions and by numerous merit-based scholarship organizations. All juniors have a chance to complete the writing portion (essay) of the assessment. It is not necessary to complete the writing portion, but it is a free option. The SAT with Essay will take approximately 1 hour longer than the SAT. If your junior would like to take the SAT with Essay, they have until February 15<sup>th</sup> to update their registration. This process may be completed either online at "My SAT" after signing in to their College Board accounts at [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org) or by calling 1-866-917-9030 and selecting option 2. I will be assisting any of our interested juniors through this process. If the student does not add the essay option to their registration, then they will take the regular SAT without essay.

The ACT is still offered at a variety of test sites around the area on Saturdays. The next ACT test date is April 15<sup>th</sup> with a regular registration deadline of March 10<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for more information.

**FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES:**

All enrolled freshmen and sophomores will be taking the Colorado PSAT 9 and 10 on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The PSAT results will be used by the State for school accountability purposes and to prepare students for success on the SAT.





Advancing Colorado's health and protecting the places we live, learn, work and play

Dear parents/guardians of students attending Colorado kindergarten - 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools for the 2023-24 school year:

We know you're thinking of all the things you need to do to make sure your student is ready for school. Getting vaccinated is an important part of their school readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick and potentially disrupt in-person learning.

**Required and recommended vaccines:**

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial Kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent unless a *Certificate of Exemption* is filed. For more information, visit [cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines). Your student must be vaccinated against:
  - Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP, Tdap).
  - Hepatitis B (HepB).
  - Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR).
  - Polio (IPV).
  - Varicella (chickenpox).
- Colorado follows recommendations set by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. **Prior to starting Kindergarten**, students must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and varicella. **Prior to starting sixth grade**, students must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine, even if the student is younger than 11 years. You can view recommended vaccine schedules at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child-easyread.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child-easyread.html) (birth through 6 years) or [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/adolescent-easyread.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/adolescent-easyread.html) (7 to 18 years).
- CDC also recommends vaccines for COVID-19, hepatitis A (HepA), human papillomavirus (HPV), influenza (flu), and meningococcal disease (MenACWY and MenB), but these are not required for school entry in Colorado.

**Exclusion from school**

- Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date *Certificate of Immunization*, *Certificate of Exemption*, or an in-process plan on file for your student.
- If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and your student has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a MMR vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

**Have questions?**

Talk with a health care provider or your local public health agency (LPHA) about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can find a vaccine provider at [cdphe.colorado.gov/immunizations/get-vaccinated](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/immunizations/get-vaccinated). You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/FAQs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/FAQs.html), [childvaccineco.org](http://childvaccineco.org), [ImmunizeForGood.com](http://ImmunizeForGood.com), and [cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education). Staying up to date on routine immunizations is important for adults, as well as children. We encourage parents and guardians to find out what vaccines might be due. It's never too late for families to get back on track! Learn more about vaccines for adults at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/index.html).

**Paying for vaccinations**

If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines and providers who give them, go to [COVax4Kids.org](http://COVax4Kids.org), contact your local public health agency (find LPHA contact information at [cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency)), or call the Mile High Family Health Line at 303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777 to ask about Medicaid contact information and health clinics located in your area.

**Vaccination records**

- Share your student's updated *Certificate of Immunization* with their school every time they receive a vaccine.
- Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). Visit [COVaxRecords.org](http://COVaxRecords.org) for more information, including directions for how to use the CIIS Public



Portal to view and print your student's vaccine record.

**Exemptions**

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a *Certificate of Medical Exemption* to your school, signed by a physician (MD, DO), advanced practice nurse (APN), or delegated physician assistant (PA). You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's school or information changes. You can get the form at [cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions).
- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to Colorado's school vaccine requirements for reasons that are nonmedical, you must submit a *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* to your school. Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted annually at every new school year (July 1 through June 30). There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption.
  1. File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* WITH the signature from an immunizing provider in Colorado who is a physician (MD, DO), advanced practice nurse (APN), delegated physician's assistant (PA), registered nurse (RN), or pharmacist licensed in Colorado; OR
  2. File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption*, which you will be able to access upon completion of the state's online immunization education module.
- Downloadable certificates and a link to the online education module are available at [cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions).

**How's your school doing on vaccinations?**

Some parents/ guardians/caregivers, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest immunization rates. Annually, schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department. Schools do not control their specific immunization and exemption rates or establish the Vaccinated Children Standard described in [§25-4-911, CRS](#). Schools must include their MMR immunization and exemption rates from the most recently completed school year in this letter. Schools may choose to also include immunization and exemption rates for other school-required vaccines. Additional immunization and exemption rates can be found at [COVaxRates.org](http://COVaxRates.org).

School name	2021-2022 MMR Immunization rate REQUIRED IN LETTER	2021-2022 MMR exemption rate REQUIRED IN LETTER
Big Sandy School K-12	89.6%	1.3%
Schools may also include the rates for the school-required vaccines shown below in this annual letter to parents/guardians		
Vaccinated Children Standard 95% Immunization rate for all school-required vaccines	2021-2022 DTaP/Tdap immunization rate	2021-2022 DTaP/Tdap exemption rate
	2021-2022 HepB immunization rate	2021-2022 HepB exemption rate
	2021-2022 IPV immunization rate	2021-2022 IPV exemption rate
	2021-2022 Varicella immunization rate	2021-2022 Varicella exemption rate



1st SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

Superintendent's 4.00

6th Grade  
Brynlee Amendt  
Kinlee Cox  
Shayne Easler  
Jessie Jorgenson  
Trenna Kocerha  
Landon Offutt  
Rachael Robison  
Noah Stodola

7th Grade  
Haylee Easler  
Haven Jorgenson  
Connor Maranhville

8th Grade  
Reese Baker  
Brooklynne Billmire  
Carlee Cox  
Grace Hughes  
Tatum Kocerha  
Aubrey Layton

9th Grade  
Kelsi Harr  
Grace Hughes  
Teague Jones  
Rowan Klecker

10th Grade  
Haley Bishop  
Kylie Maranhville  
Myka Smith  
Wyatt Stanko  
Eli Stodola

11th Grade  
Zaida Harms  
Skyla Harr  
Dalton Hisle  
Charley Maranhville  
Cason Shults

12th Grade  
Serenity Cauthon  
Ryann Eurich  
Bailey Hankins  
McKenna Murphy  
Jillian Nipple  
Elizabeth Roth  
John Swennes  
William Swennes  
Aden Townley  
Johnathan Zimmerman

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6th Grade  
Darrell Douglas

7th Grade  
William Brickell  
Evan Guy  
Brystol Hintz  
Presley Jones  
Ethan Kissam  
Zoey Lally  
Ava Leininger  
Tyson Pfost  
Leah Sieck  
Ty Stanko  
Leilah Tunink

8th Grade  
Malia Campbell  
Keygon Frihaur  
Hayden Fox  
Tanya Nipple  
Logan Rayfield

9th Grade  
Kathryn Gotschall  
Mischa McGuire  
Yeshabeth Ortiz-Simental  
Adam Shults

Gold continued...

10th Grade  
Kylie Brickell  
Caston Cox  
Tad Eurich  
Jaelyn Hankins  
Austin Hinds  
Treven Kocerha  
Elle Leininger  
Cameron McMullin  
Meadow Nusbaum

11th Grade  
Brent Bowker  
Zulfie Dempsey  
Dillon Easler  
Amara Logan-Mazerall  
Jackson Pfost  
Carson Smith  
Ryleigh Tunink  
Jack Zimmerman

12th Grade  
Brayden Glover  
Arianna Lee  
Jacosa Moyer

Blue 3.00-3.49

6th Grade  
Anna Breland  
Jak Deanne  
Riggin Fuchs  
Jesus Hernandez  
Saydee Hoops  
Ivory Lawson  
Emma Ramirez  
Matthew Wright

Blue continued...

7th Grade  
Easton Fulmer  
Adrihanna Kerst  
Jack Pyatt  
Sophia Sherman  
Isaac Spencer

8th Grade  
Alexander Baril  
Ephraim Rasco  
Madison Townley  
Preston Wamalwa

9th Grade  
Nathaniel Cauthon  
Brody Chapman  
Angel Hernandez

10th Grade  
Jonathan Choate  
Jackson Hughes  
Mia Nehl  
Tatum Nehl  
Montana Nusbaum  
Morgan Swennes

11th Grade  
Skye Feliciano  
Sidney Fox  
John Harris  
Jared Hodgson  
Conor Klecker  
Jordin Rowe  
Tate Shults  
Victor Stonehouse

12th Grade  
Rebekah Borden  
Elijah Choate  
Jubilee Delarosa  
Jai Dempsey  
Hunter Klockziem

We had 51 Junior High and 70 High School students on the First Semester Honor Roll!  
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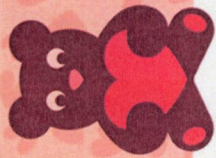


# FEBRUARY 2023

Big Sandy 100J

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.  
Menu subject to change

## Monday



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Corn Dog  
Mac-n-Cheese  
Broccoli, Salad bar  
Fruit, Milk

13

Breakfast Burrito  
Green chili w/pork  
Hash brown, Carrots  
Juice, Milk

20

Grilled Cheese sandwich  
Tomato/ Chicken soup  
Crackers, Carrots, Celery  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

27

## Tuesday



7

Pizza  
Lettuce, Salad bar  
Fruit, cookie  
Milk

14

Spaghetti  
Lettuce, Salad bar  
Bread stick, Fruit  
Milk, cookie

21

Chili, crackers  
Lettuce, Cheese  
Cinnamon Bread Stick  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

28

Orange chicken  
Noodles/ Rice  
Mixed vegetables  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

## Wednesday

Orange chicken  
Noodles/ Rice  
Mixed vegetables  
Salad bar, fruit  
Milk

1

Ham  
Cheesy Potatoes  
Green Beans, Bread slice  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

8

Chicken Patty  
Whipped Potatoes w/gravy  
Corn, Dinner roll  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

15

Chicken Fried Steak  
Whipped potatoes w/ gravy  
Corn on cob, Salad bar  
Dinner roll, Fruit  
Milk

22

## Thursday

Tostada w/beans  
Lettuce, cheese  
Salad bar, Spiced apples  
Churro, Milk

2

Soup  
Cheesy Bread stick  
Crackers, Carrots  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

9

Cub Beef and Cheddar  
Potato Cake, Carrots  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

16

Chicken Patty Sandwich  
Potato Salad, Carrots  
Chips, Salad bar  
Fruit, Milk

23

## Friday

Hamburger/ Hot Dog  
Chips, Baked beans  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

3

Sloppy Joe  
Chips, Baked beans  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

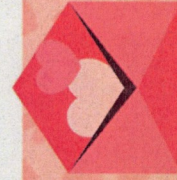
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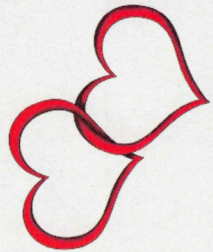
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Happy Valentine's Day





# February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 BOE 7pm	2 HS Basketball-CSS @ Simla 5pm	3	4 -HS Wrestling @ Crowley County 7am -HS Basketball-Elbert @ Simla 2pm
5	6	7	8	9	10 HS Basketball- Stratton @ Simla 5pm	11 HS Basketball-Calhan @ Simla 2pm
12	13 School Today	14 Valentines Day -HS Basketball-Simla vs. ECA @ Mitchell HS -Elem. Valentines Parties 3pm	15 -Accountability 3pm -SAC 4:15pm -BOE 7pm	16 -Early Dismissal 1:30pm -Parent Teacher Con- ferences 3-8pm	17 No School -State Wrestling	18 -State Wrestling -HS Basketball-Simla @ Kit Carson 2pm
19	20 School Today	21 HS Basketball- Districts @ Higher Seed	22 Class/Group Pictures	23	24 No School District Basketball @ James Irwin 4pm	25 District Basketball @ James Irwin 3pm
26	27 School Today JH Matchwits @ Peyton 5pm	28				